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The Heat and the Drouth.
The hot wave and drought are injuring the crops throughout the Southwest. The region including Missouri and Eastern Kansas, and extending south to the Gulf, is badly scorched. Most of the East has escaped and rains have fallen to the north; so that the farms of Iowa and most of Nebraska have not suffered. Western Kansas, too, has had a normal amount of moisture. Last year the Dakotas were forced to buy grain in Kansas and Missouri. Now conditions will be reversed.

Missouri, which can usually be depended upon to produce fair crops, no matter what is happening to the rest of the country, is as bad off now as any state in the Union. Oats have been ruined, corn in many places is almost beyond redemption, potatoes are injured, fruit is beginning to fall and pastures are burned dry. Eastern Kansas is approaching the same condition.

One of the most serious effects of a continued drouth would be the sacrifice of live stock. The loss of hay and pasture would prevent farmers from keeping their cattle and hogs. The animals would have to be sold at a sacrifice to dealers to ship north to fatten. The receipts at the Kansas City market show that this has already begun. If the drought continues the yards will be crowded with hogs and lean cattle. The fact that there is fodder farther north will prevent a sharp break in prices, probably, but a prolongation of present conditions would lower them.

It does not follow that the states affected by the drought are to be seriously straitened. Most of the farmers have made enough money during the recent years of abundance to stand a bad season. A few of them will suffer. The American agriculturist does not, as a rule, live from hand to mouth, as the foreign farmer is frequently obliged to do. He has enough laid by to weather a period of depression. At this time the good wheat crop has compensated to some extent for the damage to other products. Even with the drought unbroken Missouri and Kansas will eat three meals a day for the next year. The fact that the rest of the country has had rain will prevent the scorching of the Southwest from causing a general depression in business. It may check the upward tendency of trade, but it will not create general hard times.

A series of drenching rains would completely change the aspect of affairs. Corn and pastures would revive and farmers could hold live stock until the market suited them. Full crops would not be harvested, but a fair return for the labor expended would be secured in large regions of the Southwest.—Kansas City Star.

Grain crops this season are occasioning much uneasiness among speculators owing to the extremely complicated situation. According to latest official and unofficial prognostications there is reason to anticipate the heaviest wheat yield ever harvested, and, making the customary allowance for domestic consumption, even with the small supplies on hand when the year opened, there appears available for export about 50 per cent more than went abroad in the year of greatest shipments. Yet prices are far above the low record, and vigorous rallies follow each decline. Extensive needs abroad continue, the movement from Atlantic ports for the week amounting to 3,208,634 bushels, against 2,198,443 a year ago, and western receipts were 4,579,378 bushels, against 2,618,677 last year. Corn exhibited remarkable strength, drouth and heat since July 1st giving reason to expect less than the official report, which indicated more than two billion bushels. This cereal is now at an exceptionally high point, and estimates of 200,000,000 bushels for export are too high, as foreigners will not buy freely at the enhanced value.—Dun's Review.

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold.
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, No pay. Price 25 cents.

EAST END NOTES.

From the Spearville News, July 12.

The train set fire between the railroad and Shelly's barn, which caused a little excitement yesterday.

Chas. E. Lopp brought in the first new wheat. It tested 58 lbs. E. J. Quick was second with a test of 55.

G. E. Painter, who has charge of the Thomas ranch, finished harvesting Tuesday. They cut 760 acres of grain.

Miss Florence Leideigh departed for Lake Geneva, Wis., last week as a delegate of the Colorado Springs College to the Y. W. C. T. U. convention.

John B. Paige was in, Tuesday, from his ranch down near the river to get a supply of haying implements. He says everything is flourishing down there.

The pocket book advertised last week in the News was proved to belong to a young man who had gone east to work in the wheat field. John Padgett's jack screw was returned this week. It pays to advertise.

The weather is so dry that the news dries up and blows away before it reaches us. We are thinking seriously of adopting the plan followed by some of our large dairies, which is to publish something sensational in order to come out with a denial in the next issue.

Henry Diehl and his two daughters, Effie and Maude, cut and shocked 225 acres of grain in 12 days. The most of it was good heavy grain for this year. We venture to say that there is not another such a record in Ford county. Who says girls are not so good to work as they used to be? Here is an opportunity for some young man to get a wife that is worth something. And there are others.

You Know What You Are Taking

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

A terrible tragedy occurred in Newton Saturday night. The 19-year-old daughter of Conductor Frank Beers was killed by a young man of Newton, who afterwards killed himself. The story heard here of the killing was that the young lady came by a livery barn where the young man worked and took him in the carriage so that he could take the horse back to the barn. The girl did not return home and finally a searching party was sent out. About four o'clock Sunday morning the mutilated body of the girl was found in a grove near Conductor Beers' home.

She had been shot several times and also had her throat cut. Near her body was found the young man. He had evidently killed the girl, afterward taking his own life. It is said that the young man had said that afternoon that it was his last day on earth. The explanation of the affair as heard here is that he was in love with the girl and finding that she did not care for him and refused to accept his attentions he had determined that both should die.

A bad complexion generally results from inactive liver and bowels. In all such cases, DeWitt's Little Early Risers produce gratifying results. Amos & Gwinner.

Another big fire which started fourteen miles west of Great Bend, burned about 10,000 acres of wheat with a total loss of about \$50,000. The fire was started by a threshing machine, which was threshing in that vicinity and with the wind blowing a gale from the south and everything being very dry, it was no time before the fire had made great headway, traveling north at a terrific rate.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health and my life. I was treated in vain by doctors for lung trouble following a gripple. I took One Minute Cough Cure and recovered my health." Mr. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga. Amos & Gwinner.

LIBERAL COLONY TO KLONDIKE DISBANDED.

Sorrowful Story of Misplaced Confidence Related.

Liberal, Kansas, July 13.—Some of the party that left here for Klondike in search of gold early this spring under the guidance of James Mulligan, have returned and report a sorrowful tale.

It will be remembered that James Mulligan returned from Klondike last winter to Liberal reported that he was interested in several rich mining properties in which there was a fortune if sufficient capital could be raised to develop the property. At the same time Mr. Mulligan showed what purported to be \$20,000 in nugget gold that he had dug up while in Alaska. These bright stories of wealth naturally dazzled the minds of many young men around Liberal, and a company of about 30 sold all their earthly possessions in the way of town property, live stock and ranches and fully trusting Mr. Mulligan placed the money in his hands, electing him treasurer and president and left in a body for Alaska early in the spring.

The story has been published of how Mr. Mulligan reported one day at the police station in Seattle that he had been held up and robbed of some \$20,000 which he was carrying in his coat pocket, by thugs. The story bore an air of insincerity and upon being pressed for particulars by the officers and members of the company he broke down and confessed to having bid the money, and that he was not robbed at all.

No one would make a complaint against him, so he was allowed to go free, but he was closely watched thereafter. The young men who have returned state that Mulligan was chained to one of the men each night from then on, but that in spite of these precautions one dark night Mulligan and a cousin escaped and no trace of them could be discovered. However, the money had been taken away and placed in charge of another member. It was developed, say the returned members, that Mulligan had never been a miner but simply a wood chopper, and invented these stories for the purpose of getting the money of his home friends and neighbors and leaving them stranded in the north. Also that the \$20,000 in nuggets he boasted of having in reality was much less than \$1,000. The entire party are much discouraged, and will soon drift back to Kansas sadder but wiser. But it is hinted that it will be well for Mr. Mulligan to remain in the north.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin cures Stomach Troubles. Sold by Palace Drug Co.

A well known farmer and stockman advises our farmers to start the lister planting Kafir corn, sorghum and corn where they contemplate sowing wheat or rye, just as soon as the ground is wet enough to do so. There is a long time for such stuff to grow if it is seasonable, and after one cultivation to level the ground it will be in splendid shape to drill in fall grain. Whether the feed is cut or not it will help a great deal in wintering stock, and give them something to eat when the snow covers the wheat and rye pasture.—Leader-Courier.

Gun repairing, etc., key filing and all kinds of repairing at the Novelty Works, 3 doors south of the Rink.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve should be promptly applied to cuts, burns and scalds. It soothes and quickly heals the injured part. There are worthless counterfeits, be sure to get DeWitt's. Amos & Gwinner.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Broken Limbs and So Forth.

Does the hot weather tend to fatality, or are the luckless chances in which life and limb are jeopardized, the result of carelessness? At any rate, whether hot or cold, when we find a string of mishaps following so closely together, we wonder if some unseen force is not behind the misfortunes.

Saturday morning, Lloyd, a boy 14 years old, son of Dr. C. L. Clemons, was thrown from a horse and received a fracture of both bones in the right leg. The boy was chasing a horse when his horse fell on slippery ground in the Evans pasture, in the west part of the city.

Clyde H., son of J. H. Carmana, of Wilbur, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, while driving cows on horse-back, was thrown from the horse, and received a fracture of the left collar bone. The horse stepped in a hole and fell, and threw the boy, and rolled over him. Clyde is 12 years of age. Mr. Carmana brought his son to this city and the fracture was set and bandaged.

Harry Adams, of Concord township, on Friday, was passing through a gate on horse-back, when he was caught in an upper wire stretched across the gate, unknown to him. The wire cut the left eyeball and injured the eyeball, but not the sight. A piece of flesh was cut out. He wears a bandage and will probably suffer with the injury for some time.

A. C. Davis, of Fort Dodge, on Saturday, was filling the box of a separator with habbit metal, and the shaft fell on right hand, mashing the index finger. He has a painful injury.

C. C. Slatery, employed as hostler at the round house, on Thursday, while reversing an engine his arm caught between the lever and side of the cab, and his left wrist was dislocated and thumb fractured. He has a painful hurt, but he will be able to resume work soon.

W. T. Taylor, a fireman on the run between Newton and Dodge City, received an ugly scalp wound by the falling of a large lump of coal upon his head, on Friday last.

George Behl, son of Chris Behl, sprained his ankle by slipping off an engine, Friday last, while at work at the round house. His injury will not keep him long limping.

These casualties are evidently the result of extraordinary times—in heat and drought. And a succession of mishaps and misfortune is invariably the rule.

To Colorado and Utah

VIA SANTA FE.

AT RATES LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE. On sale July 1 to 7, September 1 to 10. Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo and return, \$15.00 Glenwood Springs and return, \$25.00, Salt Lake City and Ogden, \$30.00.

July 10 to August 31, round trip tickets to same points as named above will be sold at one fare plus \$2.00 for round trip.

A Pullman Observation Sleeper runs between Kansas City and Colorado Springs on Santa Fe trains No. 5 and 6. The observation end is for free use of all Pullman passengers.

For further particulars, rates on other dates or to other places, or for free copy of "A Colorado Summer," write to or call on FRED GARDNER, Agent, The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.

You can never cure dyspepsia by dieting. What your body needs is plenty of good food properly digested. Then if your stomach will not digest it, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will. It contains all of the national digestants hence must digest every class of food and so prepare it that nature can use it in nourishing the body and replacing the wasted tissues, thus giving life, health, strength, ambition, pure blood and good healthy appetite. Amos & Gwinner.

Now is the time to have your Wheel cleaned and adjusted.

THE NOVELTY WORKS.

"I wish to truthfully state to you and the readers of those few lines that your Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is without question, the best and only cure for dyspepsia that I have ever come in contact with and I have used many other preparations. John Beam, West Middlesex, Pa. No preparation equals Kodol Dyspepsia Cure as it contains all the natural digestants. It will digest all kinds of food and can't help but do you good. Amos & Gwinner.

USING THE RAILROAD RAILS FOR A CYCLING TRACK.

A Travel of 2,000 Miles.

John and Willard Ward left Saturday for Pennsylvania. They will make the journey to that State, and back to their home in Michigan, on bicycles, over the railroad rails, by using what is known as a "railroad attachment." This device is a modern invention and its use is becoming general. It is a very simple arrangement, attached to the bicycle and placed on the railroad rails. It has been in use about a year. The distance the Wards will travel is about 2,000 miles, and they expect to make the run in two weeks. An average speed of 20 miles an hour is made, but sometimes as high as 40 miles is reached. The travel will be hindered somewhat by reason of the fact that they have to get out of the way of the railway trains. The danger of accident is reduced to the minimum owing to the fact that the cyclist can quickly leave the rails. The wheel tire rests on one rail and the attachment adjusted to the opposite rail with a small wheel with a flange on each side affords a security in the running gear. Each stroke of the pedal moves the rider about fifteen feet, and the two strokes sends the cyclist forward in and whirl of the body a distance of 30 feet.

It is clear to see with what rapidity the rider can move, and an average of 200 miles a day will be an easy task for the cyclist.

The Ward brothers came from Michigan, John arriving here in the winter last. They will probably return here next year. The facility with which they can travel, and at so little expense, leaves out of question all considerations of the difficulty of obtaining transportation. Should this method of traveling become common it is probable that railroad companies will put a bar to the use of their tracks for such purposes.

This mode of conveyance beats tramping all hollow. The possessor of a wheel has the advantage over the box car tourist, or the blind baggage fiend, or the more desperate cross bar preambulator. The gentle tramp on the bicycle will hardly evolve from the grimy and greasy nomad, but he will be the impetuous young man who has more daring than cash, and employs the railroad attachment to carry him safely and quickly from state to state, and thus reducing distance and time in the hope of keeping in steady employment.

What great strides have been made in locomotion, within 50 years past?

It is claimed that the railroad companies can not recover damages for the use of this machine on their railroad tracks, unless actual damages can be proven. The rubber tires of the bicycle might roll upon the steel rails for a century without injury to the rails.

Travelers, tourists, sportsmen, section men, track walkers, line men and telegraph operators are using these attachments. It is easier running and more simple than a railroad velocipede. The rider can travel at night as easily as in the daytime. From 50 to 100 pounds of baggage may be carried.

The Passenger Department of the Rock Island Railway announces the lowest rates to Cleveland on account of the G. A. R. encampment September 7 to 11, that has been accorded the Old Soldiers since 1887. The rate is less than one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale from stations west of the Missouri River, September 7 to 10 inclusive and will be good to return up to and including September 15, but the return limit may be extended until October 8 by depositing the tickets with Joint Agent before September 15 and paying fee of fifty cents. The trip to Cleveland will be one of much pleasure and enjoyment. The extremely low rate made by the Rock Island will make it possible for large numbers of the Old Soldiers and their friends to go at a very small expense. From Cleveland there will be cheap rates in effect enabling those who desire to visit the Pan-American Exposition, and this trip to Buffalo can be made either by rail or boat. Cleveland is making a special effort to take the best care possible of the Veterans as well as visitors and afford them every opportunity for a pleasant and enjoyable time while in the city. The new soldiers' monument located in the public square will be completed; the electric lighting effects of this monument, it is said will eclipse anything of its kind heretofore attempted in this country.

Tickets will be on sale July 23, 24 and 25, to Chicago and return, \$24.15 for the round trip. These tickets will be limited to July 30th, but provision has been made for an extension of limit to leave Chicago not later than August 31st, on payment of fifty cents and depositing tickets with the Joint Agent at Chicago on or before July 30th. Special train to Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, Monday, July 29th, rate \$13.00 for the round trip, tickets good for fifteen days \$16.00. For further information please call at the Santa Fe Ticket Office.

FRED GARDNER, Agent.

SUNDAY'S PRAIRIE FIRE.

Grain and Range Burned.

A large amount of grass and some grain was burned in the prairie fire, of Sunday, which began at about noon and lasted long after dark. The fire started at Jesse Pittman's farm, one-half mile north of Minneola. On Friday a threshing machine outfit drew the fire from the engine and put water on the cinders. On this was placed some wet straw. It was supposed that the fire was put entirely out, but the slumbering coals about Sunday noon found vent and ignited a straw stack on Mr. Pittman's place. The flames from the devouring hay stack soon spread and the prairie was soon all ablaze. The volume of smoke was an ugly pall all Sunday afternoon, and sent the shivers to those who were in its devastating path. The losses were as follows:

W. T. Adams and J. W. Courtney lose about 2,500 acres of range. Alf Kimbrel loses a large quantity of wheat. Thos. Truelove loses 150 acres of wheat and barley, which was in stack. Thos. Bragg loses about 2,000 acres of his range. Frank Crouch's two mules were caught in a wire fence and hewn in and badly singed. They are probably so badly burned that they are useless or they may die. T. W. Bell loses half a section of pasture.

The path of the fire was from one to two miles wide, and extended for ten miles. It burned within four miles of Dodge City. Farmers along the line of the fire, turned out and set back fires. They worked heroically all afternoon and into the night. Much loss was thus averted.

The grass and stubble is as dry as tinder in most places, and there is more danger from fire than usually. Great caution should be used for the danger of fire spreading during the prevalent high winds is imminent.

J. F. Anderson's range was burned over, and about 500 acres had not been fired for several years. A number of people arrested the spread of the fire. H. R. Marion and others, C. M. Beeson and men, and James Howell worked hard until 12:30 o'clock Sunday night, fighting fire. E. E. Spicer and neighbors also fought the flames.

Old papers for sale at this office at 20 cents a hundred.

Every thing in the Bicycle line at the NOVELTY WORKS.

J. S. Quick, of Spearville, brought in a load of oats, Tuesday, and received thirty-five cents a bushel. Mr. Quick has 900 bushels of oats. His wheat turned out well.

Frank White, who serves meat at Stubbs Bros., is rejoicing over the little girl his wife presented him Tuesday night, and now is the time to get a choice cut—of steak.

Eugene Quick will leave next week, for Sunnyside, Utah, where he will resume his place as fireman in coal mine machinery, his brother-in-law, G. L. Asher, having charge of the machinery.

An Eastern paper states that "a green little boy, in a green little way, a green little apple devoured one day, and the green little grasses now tenderly wave o'er the little green apple boy's green little grave."

A Sergeant's Surprize.

When Indians were being recruited for the regular army, said a western representative, "it was the custom to give them civilized names. Down at Fort Apache army officers were recruiting Yumas and Apaches. A recruiting sergeant was naming them. Finally a company had been formed, and the first sergeant, who was in an American, went out to the front and center to report his company to the commanding officer.

"Company D, sir, four privates absent."

"Who are they?" asked the commanding officer.

"Jay Gould, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Joe Jefferson and Russell Sage, sir," shouted the sergeant.—New York World.

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